

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending the above-referenced application. Claims 1, 4, 5, and 7 are rejected. Claims 2, 3 and 6 are objected to. The Office Action is final. In particular and in accordance with the item numbering therein, the Office Action has:

In items 1-6 rejected claims 1, 4-5 and 7 under 102(e) as being anticipated by Pavisic (US 6,550,044); and

In Item 7, objected to claims 2-3 and 6 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicated that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

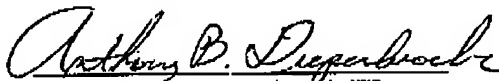
Applicants have canceled claims 1, 4-5 and 7 without prejudice and surrender of subject matter and have re-written claims 2-3 and 6 in accordance with the Office Action's suggestion in order to obtain allowance of the objected to claims. Applicants may present canceled claims in a later application. Applicant believes that the rewritten claims and the claims dependent thereon are in allowable form. An Advisory Action is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Having addressed each and every ground of objection and rejection, applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in the above-mentioned application and respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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